

Counting Homestead as a Resource for Permanently Institutionalized Individuals

Prior to September 1, 2003, Kentucky Medicaid did not count the value of homestead property even if the owner had moved to a Nursing Facility and would not live in the home again.

Beginning September 1, 2003, if an individual lives in a Nursing Facility for more than six months, that facility will be considered as the primary residence. If a spouse or dependent family member still lives in the home, we will continue to consider it to be homestead property and it will be excluded from consideration. A dependent family member is one who the institutionalized individual provides more than fifty percent (50%) of their support. If an individual intends to return to the home it may continued to be excluded as a resource.

Property that is no longer homestead will be subject to the resource rules. The resource limit for a person getting Medicaid in a Nursing Facility is \$2,000.

This new policy will apply to individuals making an application on or after September 1, 2003. For individuals who are receiving Medicaid prior to September 1, 2003, the policy will be applied the next time their case is reviewed.